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(Juneau) The Ketchikan Consolidation Election failed by a vote of 2131 no votes to 1170 yes votes. Director of the Division of Elections, Whitney Brewster certified the election today.

AS 29.06.140 instructs the Division of Elections to conduct the election when two incorporated areas are seeking consolidation. Voters voted on the question: Shall the City of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough be consolidated as one government, the home-rule Municipality of Ketchikan?

Voter turnout in this by-mail election was 32.5 percent. There are 10,162 registered voters in the Ketchikan Borough.

Ballots mailed to the Division had to be postmarked by November 21 and persons voting Absentee in person had to vote by November 21.

This is the second time in five years for Ketchikan voters to consider the question of consolidation. The question also failed before Ketchikan voters in 2001.